

community by increasing relations with the corporate sector, influencing legislation, policies and programs that have a positive impact on the business community, providing leadership and support for excellence in education for future business leaders, and providing technical assistance to Hispanic businesses, professional associations, and entrepreneurs through regional meetings, seminars, conferences and annual state conventions.

I asked my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding annual event of the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey. I commend their accomplishments and all they have done for Hispanic businesses throughout my home State of New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE KARTIKIS

HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and service of George Kartikis who served as benefactor chairman of the AHEPA Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation. I think that almost everyone has known a friend or family member that has been effected by this devastating disease. This organization is responsible for fundraising and grant awarding to scientists and research medical institutions whose primary goal is to find a cure for cancer. Mr. Kartikis played a very important role in this organization, and on November 1 the foundation will honor him.

In 1996, under the direction of Mr. Kartikis, the foundation awarded grants to the Fox Chase Cancer Center, the Cancer Institute of New Jersey and Hackensack Medical Center in the amount of \$170,000. This is no small donation and it was made possible because of the efforts of many generous individuals, including Mr. Kartikis. The entire cancer research community in this country will miss his energy and dedication to this most worthy cause.

George Kartikis set an example of giving. He lent a hand to help cure a disease that affects millions of Americans. Mr. Speaker, let us all learn by his example.

THE SUPERFUND RECYCLING EQUITY ACT INTRODUCED

HON. DAN SCHAEFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today, Congressman BILLY TAUZIN introduced the Superfund Recycling Equity Act. I am an original cosponsor of this measure.

This legislation is similar to a proposal offered during the 104th Congress by then-Representative Blanche Lincoln. That bill had 238 cosponsors and enjoyed overwhelming support of industry, environmental groups, the Clinton administration. This year's bill has the same broad base of support.

Simply put, the Superfund Recycling Equity Act gives business in the recycling industry peace-of-mind that they will not be unduly drawn into the Superfund liability web as long as they do not knowingly contribute hazardous wastes and follow standard business practices. This legislation will encourage more recycling of paper, glass, textiles, metals, plastics and other materials greatly reducing the volume of the Nation's waste stream.

The House Commerce Committee is currently engaged in bipartisan negotiations to reform Superfund, which will speed cleanups and reduce needless litigation. I look forward to working with Congressman TAUZIN to include this proposal as part of this comprehensive Superfund reform effort.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTERED WOMEN'S ALTERNATIVE

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20th Anniversary of Battered Women's Alternative, a non-profit agency in Contra Costa County, California, that serves battered women and their families. Founded in 1977, Battered Women's Alternative is a leader, providing technical assistance and resources to many other programs across the country.

As we are all too aware, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages 15 and 44 in the United States. More women are injured as a result of domestic violence than are injured in car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined. Women of all cultures, races, occupations, income levels, and ages are battered by husbands, boyfriends, and partners. Batterers are not restricted to low-income or unemployed men. Approximately one-third of the men who undergo counseling for battering are professional men who are well-respected in their jobs and their communities. These include doctors, psychologists, lawyers, ministers, and business executives. Domestic violence also affects children. Half the children who live in violent homes experience some form of physical abuse. Unfortunately, one-third of boys who grow up in violent homes become batterers themselves, simply perpetuating the cycle.

For 20 years, Battered Women's Alternative has provided a safe haven for those women who have taken the critical first step and escaped from their homes. Battered Women's Alternative serves more than 15,500 women annually through its 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, safe homes, traditional housing, legal advocacy, counseling, employment assistance and placement programs. Battered Women's Alternative also conducts extensive educational programs in the hopes of preventing future instances of domestic violence, many of which are targeted toward abusive men as well as younger children.

Battered Women's Alternative is the largest domestic violence agency in the Bay Area and is the only agency which serves my constituents in the 10th District. The cities and County

of Contra Costa formerly recognized the outstanding community service provided by Battered Women's Alternative on October 16, 1997. I ask that you join me in honoring this organization for their outstanding work and dedication in rebuilding the tarnished lives of the many women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

UNITED NATIONS DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call the attention of the Congress to North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.'s proclamation of October 24, 1997 as "United Nations Day" in North Carolina, and I join him in urging all citizens to participate in all activities related to this day. I commend the work of members of the United Nations Association in the Second Congressional District and across North Carolina. The proclamation reads:

UNITED NATIONS DAY 1997

(By the Governor of the State of North Carolina)

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United Nations system was founded in 1945, and the anniversary of its founding is observed each year on October 24; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations system has a commendable record of achievement and faces extraordinary challenges in preventing and resolving conflict, protecting the earth's environment, elevating standards of living through sustainable economic development, and promoting humane and democratic values; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations is the only organization capable of dealing with the global implications of a post-Cold War, and the best vehicle for finding collective solutions to these challenges; and

WHEREAS, the work of the United Nations impacts all Americans, directly affecting their health, security, economic freedom and democratic values; and

WHEREAS, the United States was one of the founding members of the United Nations, representing the fervent desire of the United States and its World War II allies to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war"; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations deserves support from both the United States government and American citizens if it is to continue its important work in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, Judge William A. Creech was appointed Chair of United Nations Day in North Carolina to work with a United Nations Day Committee composed of community leaders to organize events and activities to educate citizens about the continuing need for the United Nations, and United States leadership in a changing world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES B. HUNT JR., Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 24, 1997, as "United Nations Day" in North Carolina, and urge all our citizens to participate in all activities related to this day.

JAMES B. HUNT JR.,
Governor of North Carolina.